

The Williams Family

Planting churches in Ghana, West Africa

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January-March, 2013

Greetings from steamy Ghana! The past three months (from packing to leave to feeling somewhat adjusted in our new place) have been quite eventful to say the least, but God has shown Himself so wonderful...as Provider, Healer, Protector, Guide, ... and we are so excited to see what is around the bend, because Satan sure has been fighting, but how wonderful it is to have a God who is constantly with us, fighting for us, giving us strength and comfort for each day!

Let me give you a few of the little/big things God has done:

A HOUSE IN GHANA

Housing and health issues concern most any “would-be” missionary and for good reason. It can be quite daunting to find a suitable, safe home for a decent price. Often, if the home is nice to live in then it can’t be afforded, for here in Ghana, rent must be paid in full, in advance, for a two to three year period, making renting a little difficult when you are faced with several thousand dollars needed immediately to rent a house. Then you also have the problem of needing furnishings for your home, which, once again, is no small amount of money. Even just basics such as a refrigerator, stove, tables and chairs, living room furniture, beds, mattresses, washer, dryer, etc., can add up quickly when all needed at once, and it can also take a long time to furnish the home because everything here is “homemade” in the little shops around you, so it can take weeks or even months to have furniture made. Anyway, because of the cost and time involved it can take quite a while to furnish a house upon arriving. I tell you all this so you will understand a little better our excitement over what God has provided for us.

We have been able to move into a fully furnished home & pay monthly! - completely unheard of in Ghana—but God can do anything. Having slept on the floor, eaten sitting around a box for a table, my wife having washed clothes by hand in the past after a move all we can say is, God is so good!

HEALTH

Health is always a big concern when living in a third world country—especially for a mother who has small children. The past two months here in Ghana have held some testing for us in this area, but again, God has proved Himself powerful and we are so grateful for His care, His provision in finding a good doctor, and also for all the prayers that have gone up for us. Thanks to all of you who pray regularly for us—please don’t stop!

OWUSU JOINS THE TEAM

Owusu Ansah joined our team in March. He is a very trusted friend and former employee from our first term in Ghana. He loves the Lord and loves winning souls. Owusu joined our team by faith believing with us that God would provide for His needs. He will be aiding with translating, planting churches, business, etc. He has already been a vital asset to our team. We are seeking to raise support for him and his soon to be wife, Tina, through GEMS. Whether you are a church, individual, or business, we are simply asking you to pray about what God would have you to do concerning this matter. If you would like to send monthly support or a one-time gift on his behalf, please send donations /support to GEMS and put “Owusu” in the memo. All monies received that are designated to him will be used for his monthly expenses, housing, etc.

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VILLAGE WORK/EVANGELISM

We have been working with/learning from Pastor Steve Volante & his team of national pastors here in Techiman. We have been visiting the different churches and ministries, preaching, helping, observing, winning souls, etc. We want to glean as much as we can from the two decades of ministry here and be able to take some valuable knowledge & ideas with us as we begin our own work in the near future. We have seen many souls saved and have enjoyed getting to know the different pastors, families, and church members from each area. Some churches are in the city, some in villages by the city and some more remote. Each one is unique and exciting and we are learning more about how to work in and with different peoples, places and situations.

MALI CHURCH PLANT

Owusu and I are pumped about joining Bro. Volante and many African pastors in April to plant a church in Mali among the people who have been displaced due to the recent fighting there. Please pray for God's protection, power, and leading regarding this incredible opportunity.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mali trip
- Brooke's leg to heal all the way (a boil that caused serious infection has not healed properly)
- That I will be able to get GEMS set up in Ghana in the next 80 days.
- Laborers for the harvest

For His Glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Williams".

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